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In order to comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, and in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing. Please amend the specification in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825 as follows.

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